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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23-36 and 53-56 have been canceled. Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58 will remain pending in the application.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has imposed a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 and §372, requiring Applicant to elect a single invention from the following groups:

Group I, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58;

Group II claims 23-25;

Group II claims 26-36; and

Group IV claims 53-56.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, without traverse, for further prosecution the invention of Group I, claims 1-3, 7-16, 19-22, 37-42, 45-49, 57 and 58 directed to a locking mechanism for controlling engagement between parts moveable relative to one another in medical sharp devices.

CONCLUSION

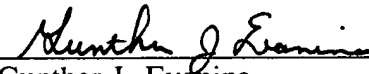
It is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and prompt notice of the same is earnestly solicited.

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